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SOUTHWEST YOUTH CONFERENCE—The above photo was snapped during the Southwest Youth Conference held Saturday at the George Bell School. Sponsored by the Southwest Community House and the George Bell School and the joint collaboration of Miss Lillian R. Dotson and Mrs. Elise P. Derricotte, the oneday session p[illegible]nted students at their most desired recreation. Miss Scott, one of the manv i[illegible]s, looks on above.—Wright and Riley Photo

Negroes, Chinese, and Whites Observe Youth Week Together

Tribune - Washington, D.C. 2-12-44

More than 500 Washington young people of the Negro, Chinese, and white races joined together on Sunday and put into practice the ideals for a world brotherhood.

Principal speaker at the local observance of National Youth Week in National City Christian Church, Thomas Circle, was the Rev. I. M. Gould, of Philadelphia, general secretary of the National Council of Servicemen's Christain League.

He made a plea that the nation's youth prepare now to build a brotherhood based on justice and good will while their brothers are engaged in winning the war overseas.

The Howard University chorus sang in the church and those of the Chinese Community Church served a sacrificial supper in the social hall for the benefit of Chinese relief.

Winning the war will not automatically assure justice and good will, Rev. Gould declared.

The campaign for a world brotherhood must start on the home front, said the speaker in urging that the program not be postponed until after the war. All faiths, races, and creeds, must join together to bring this about, he declared.

The celebration was sponsored by the Washington Federation of Christian Youth, of which Miss Virginia Horseman was elected new chairman. She is commissioner of workship for the Baltimore Conference Youth Fellowship.

Miss Zadie Chappelle, Secretary of the colored Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union, was chosen secretary- treasurer.

KEYNOTER FOR YOUTH OF CHICAGO GETS THRILL OF LIFETIME

Globe and Independent
Nashville, Tenn., 2-18-'44

Gordon Humphrey, (See picture above), selected to deliver the keynote speech at a Youth Conference in Chicago, which voiced the aspirations of all of the city's 170,000 high school students, admitted that getting the honor was a thrilling experience.

The Chicago-Herald American in its issue of Feb. 12, carried a news story about Humphrey and also an 8-column wide picture of the delegates to the Youth Conference. The GLOBE, by permission of the Herald-American, is carrying the picture of the delegates on page 5.

The story on 'Keynoter' Humphrey is as follows:

KEYNOTER GETS BIGGEST THRILL

"That'll be the greatest thrill of my life!"

This exclamation came from Gordon Humphrey, 19, of 4149 Vincennes Ave., when he today learned he was to deliver the keynote address at the Youth Conference in the City Hall Council Chambers tomorrow afternoon.

He is a young Negro and president of the Senior Class of Du Sable High School, 4931 S. Wabash Ave. He also is president of the school's student council and a member of the Negro History club.

Tall and erect, young Humphrey philosophized:

"You know, this conference of youth is a great thing. I believe the world should practice some of the ideals of youth. Just look at the spirit of equality that prevails among the youngsters. They don't even bother about another's creed or race. It's the old heads that cram us with ideas of intolerance."

Youngest of six children, Gordon was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. His mother is Mrs. Claudia Humphrey, 47. His father is dead.

One of his hobbies is collecting pictures of great men. His room at home is filled with pictures of Abraham Lincoln—his favorite hero. 2-18-44

Aspires To Ministry

He also has an ambition—to serve as a minister in the church. He said of this:

'The church teaches fellowship of mankind. If there was closer fellowship of men and nations there wouldn't be any wars."

One of the greatest problems of this war on the homefront, he said, is the youth problem, adding:

"The breakdown in th chome today is one of our nation's tragedies. This is the cause of juvenile delinquency. There should be more parental authority and more responsibility should be placed on the shoulders of youth."

LOOKING AND LIVING

Argus - St. Louis, Mo.
2-18-44

— By —
HELEN SCOTT JACKSON

NON-SEGREGATED YOUTH COUNCIL IN CHICAGO

ILLINOIS THE STATE of Abraham Lincoln, is known for its tradition of freedom for all groups. Chicago, in particular, is a city where many groups work together and live together in a harmonious manner, and the Negro is just another American, and that's that.

It was not surprising then, to read in last Friday's issue of the Chicago Herald-American that a Negro youth, one Gordon Humphrey, was scheduled to make the keynote address at the Youth Conference, whch convened in the historic "Council Chambers" of the City Hall on February 12.

This conference was without precedent in Chicago's history, in that no adult had any part in it—The students (representing public, parochial and Cook County board high schools) ran the entire show.

Purpose of the conclave was well outlined by Raleigh Spinks (white) of Lane Technical High School, who said: "Today we have a tremendous opportunity to show our elders the problems the youth are facing, and an opportunity to present and to demand action on these problems." 2-18-44

But back to young Humphrey, the orator. This young man is nineteen years old, president of the senior class of DuSable High School and the youngest of six children. On the question of prejudice Humphrey said: "This conference of youth is a great thing. I believe the world should practice some of the ideals of youth. Just look at the spirit of equality that prevails among the youngsters, they don't even bother about another's creed or race. It's the old heads that cram us with ideas of intolerance."

Wise words, and bravely spoken, young man, and if youth has a voice at the peace table, helping to plan a better world, we know that "there'll be some changes made."

Study Hill's Georgia Negroes

BALTIMORE

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The New Deal advocate, Democratic whip in the United States Senate, won overwhelming renomination (equivalent to election) in Tuesday's primary.

Addressing a group of negro high school students, on balloting procedure, Prof. M. J. Beavers, of Atlanta's Booker T. Washing-

Tribune - Rome, Ga.
2-19-44

Ala. Victory

ROME, Ga., ATLANTA, May 4. —(AP)— Youthful Georgia negroes, many of them registering in hopes of casting their first vote in the July 4 Democratic primary, are being invited by leaders of their race to analyze Alabama's endorsement of Senator Lister Hill.

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Morganites Join White Afro-American - Baltimore, Md. Students to Hold Prom

2-19-44

350 Attend Interracial Valentine Party

Sponsored by Youth for Democracy Group

ton High School, said: 5-4-44

"In Alabama, Senator Lister Hill, strong Roosevelt man, appears to have won. Now many people have accused the Roosevelt Administration of being too friendly to the negro. You might look at that Alabama election and analyze it for what it means."

Beavers, however, wondered aloud if negroes "really gained anything" by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which held recently that negroes could not be barred from Texas Democratic primaries. Quick answers from his class were summed up by one student who said:

"When it becomes known what candidate the negroes will support in the primary, the white folks will leave that candidate and we will see the man of our choice defeated."

A tactical maneuver to overcome such opposition was proposed by another negro student, just turned 18 and registered to vote under Georgia's new 'teen-age extension of franchise.

Said he: "We can just pick out the man we don't like, cast the colored vote for him and be sure that he will be defeated."

A total of 3,885 negroes have registered in Fulton County (Atlanta), along with 60,147 whites. Spokesmen for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have urged registration and asked negroes to present themselves at polling places July 4 with request for ballots. 5-4-44

In Florida and Alabama primaries this week, many negroes voted without incident, although one woman teacher left a polling place in Tallahassee, Fla., without obtaining a ballot, and requests for ballots were rejected in two cases in Montgomery, Ala., and at least one case in Mobile. Most negroes casting ballots in Florida were said to have voted in the Republican primary.

CITY'S NEGRO BOYS SUCCESS AT SELF-RULE

Press-Newport News, Va. 6-4-44

Negro boys of Hampton, a fair percentage of whom in past years could have looked forward to nothing better than a term in the State reform school for a normal number of youthful misdemeanors, have demonstrated in one year that with a little adult help they are capable of governing themselves.

Celebrating 12 months' progress in one of the country's most interesting attacks on juvenile delinquency, members of the Hampton Boys' Honor club and their sponsor, Rev. J. T. Johnson, the city's juvenile probation officer, could report last week that only one Negro boy, a non-member of the club, had been sentenced to the reform school since the group was organized.

Rev. Johnson, working with Principal Y. H. Thomas of Union school, has gone after the problem of the juvenile delinquent, first, by finding a wholesome outlet for boyish energy, and secondly, by setting up a system through which offenders may be tried and punished by their fellow club members, rather than in an impersonal adult court.

Both white and Negro speakers frequently appear at club meetings to describe their own means of finding successful occupations, and Thomas directs a weekly program of sports and entertainment at the King St. USO clubrooms.

If a boy does commit some offense, the club, with the approval of Rev. Johnson, metes out its own punishment, and no member yet has failed to carry out the prescribed sentence. 6-4-44

A club judge presides over the trials, and hands down his verdict after the suspect has been given a chance to defend himself. A member of the club serves as prosecuting attorney, and another member is selected either by the court or by the defendant to act as defense counsel.

Rev. Johnson, who has been encouraged by the success of the organization, says its influence has been enormous among the city's Negro boys, and the figure of only one youth sent to the reform school bears him out. In previous years, the number has varied greatly, with more than a dozen reportedly serving sentences in the year before the club was formed.

Youths' Camps To Be Shorter

Constitution—Atlanta, Ga. 5-15-44

Youth-serving organizations will operate summer camps as usual, but wartime difficulties necessitate a more streamlined program, the Social Planning Council has announced.

The camp periods will be shorter this season, in an effort to accommodate as many campers as possible. Youth-serving agencies will operate camps for both white and Negro boys and girls between the ages of six and 18. Physical fitness will be emphasized as an important port of the program to encourage the development of self-reliance, according to Mrs. Virginia Beals, chairman of the camp committee of the Social Planning Council.

The following are camps for girls with their opening dates: Camp Civitania, operated by Girl Scouts, June 13; Camp Daniel Morgan, by the Jewish Educational Alliance, July 24; Camp Highland, by the Y. W. C. A., June 15, and Camp John Hope (Negro), July 28; Camp Mountain View, by Atlanta's Mission, June 5, and Camp Toccoa, by Camp Fire Girls, June 14. 5-15-44

The following are camps for boys: Camp Bert Adams, by Boy Scouts, June 18, and Camp Orr (Negro), June 25; Camp Daniel Morgan, by the Jewish Educational Alliance, June 21; Camp John Hope (Negro), by the Butler Street Y. M. C. A., July 6; Camp Rabun, by the Y. M. C. A., June 16, and by the Optimist Club, July 16.

Camp Overcomes Obstacles

World-Telegram—New York, N.Y. 8-26-44

Mission Society Had 1000 Guests

By ALICE MOLDENHAWER,
Religious News Editor.

Camp Minisink, near Port Jervis, where more than a thousand Harlem boys and girls spend their vacations, this summer has weathered a fire, the complete breakdown of the pump, which controls the water supply for the 250 people living in the camp at one time, and the departure of the cooks in midseason. 8-26-44

The camp, which is operated by the New York City Mission Society, is a boys' camp in July and a girls' camp in August. Over the fireplace is a memorial tablet to William Sloane Coffin, who presented the land. But the tablet is cracked and the fireplace, which used to be in the dining hall, now overlooks a scene of devastation, rubble, twisted metal and charred wood. If you were set down suddenly before the two totem poles that mark the entrance you would think the place had been blitzed.

Dining Room in Tent.

The fire broke out at about 2 a. m. on Aug. 2. Mrs. Alberta Kline, director of the girls' group, awoke to find the kitchen and dining room unit were in flames. She had no time to be frightened, she said, realizing she was responsible for the lives of 250 people. The girls were awakened and marched out of the danger zone, and within 17 minutes the camp was vacated. At Mrs. Kline's suggestion her assistants soaked blankets in water and beat out the flames in the trees near the burning buildings. It took 35 minutes to notify the fire department, and it was an hour before help came.

But Camp Minisink goes on. Fortunately the dwelling units were not damaged, nor was any of the children's property lost. The dining room, equipped with the help of the local Red Cross, is now a tent, the kitchen a shack, open on four sides. For such a kitchen no professional cooks were available, and it is manned by volunteer helpers, members of the Camp Minisink Co-operative Fund, Mrs. Maggie Jacobs, Mrs. Lottie Lovely and Mrs. Ruth Joyner.

Photo by A. Hansen.

Girls attending the outdoor chapel services on Sunday at Camp Minisink, Port Jervis, N. Y., bring their own Bibles and read the scripture in unison. They are (from left to right, first row) Dolores Reddick, Peggie Amiger, Norma Davis, Jean Thompson and Ann Bailey. Second row: Athleen Gibbs, Gloria Barrow, Beryl Blyden, Marion McDuffie, Rose Marie Orange and Jackie Ingram.

One volunteer brought her grandson, aged 13 months, too young to know or to care that he is spending his summer at a girls' camp, and equally content when he is surrounded by a group of doting attendants, or when he sits alone, thoughtfully sucking a stone. 8-26-44

The collapse of the pump occurred this week. It showed signs of dissolution on Monday, and on Tuesday it exploded. While a new pump is being bought and installed, the campers carry their water by hand from a nearby spring.

Indian Lore Studied.

Fires, pumps and cooks have not been allowed to upset the routine of camp life. All children are Red Indians at heart, and there is an Indian village where the campers study Indian lore and archery. Swimming and boating are enthusiastically practiced in the camp's Root Beer Lake. Dozens of plastic bracelets are made in the craft class, engraved Barbara, Peggy, Helen and occasionally Mother.

Mothers, however, usually receive key cases or change purses made of leather or brightly colored felt—any old felt hat will do to start with, cut in two, dampened and flattened out. There is a nature study class, whose members make flower scrapbooks and collect frogs. A frog will live almost happily in a bottle, if he is given plenty of flies. 8-26-44

Quite as cheerful in adversity as the youngsters are the members of the staff, which includes beside Mrs. Kline, the director, Miss Gladys Thorne, who directs the all-year-round Minisink Choral Club of 150 to 200 girls; Mrs. Edlar Hawkins, who is a graduate of Harlem Hospital and the camp nurse in August, and the counselors, among whom are students at the New York University, Hunter College and Union Theological Seminary.

Camp Minisink is only one of the many services maintained by the New York City Mission Society. An undenominational religious organization, the society has been ministering to the people of New York for 125 years.

N. C. Pastor Lauded For Youth Work

Courier—Pittsburgh, Pa. 3-25-44

WILSON, N. C.—(ANP)—"Juvenile delinquency among Negro youth has dropped amazingly in Wilson since Beamon started night prowler" and "out-of-bounds" action with the efforts of a middle-aged Negro preacher, who recently started out on a one-man crusade on child problems.

The minister, the Rev. C. B. Beaman, pastor of a tiny church in the factory section of the city, began three months ago to pound pavements day and night checking the ways of local Negro youth. During the day he has kept watch at picture shows, bowling alleys, pool parlors and other such places and oftimes has taken youngsters out of these houses and accompanied them back to school. Young prowlers have been carried before Beamon discussed the with both parent and child. Some months ago, when the sought outside aid for his church, the community applauded him. Today however, is a recognized leader and all over the city are exercising a co-operative spirit.

Rev. Mr. Beamon recently presented a four-point program to Training organization," (his own aldermen for their endorsement) be given these delinquents. his program. The program. That a supervisor fully qualified

3-25-44

Deposits 42,000 Signatures On Special Petition

Daily World-Atlanta, Ga. 5-13-44

Assured Army Post Commanders Have Liaison With Locals

WASHINGTON — (ANP)—Delegates representing the 60,000 members of the American Youth for Democracy met here for two days last week in the course of stressing the sacredness of Mother

1. Conferred with assistant war secretary John J. McCloy on the plight of the Negro coldier.

2. Deposited with the war department petitions carrying 42,000 signatures calling of a better break for Negroes in the armed forces—army and navy.

3. Accepted the refusal of the navy department to grant an audience to a small committee of the AYD to discuss the naval phase of their program.

10 STATES REPRESENTED

The 75 delegates came from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, California, and the District of Columbia. 5-13-44

The petitions presented called upon the secretaries of war and navy to establish the policy of "military equality" for Negro servicemen and women in all units of the armed forces; and protection for those in uniform against violence and discrimination at the hands of military and civilian authorities and individuals.

They were presented to McCloy last Tuesday morning in an hour-long conference in which Lt. Col. Harrison Gearhart, his executive officer, and Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to the secretary of war, participated.

Speaking for the group, Carl Ross, AYD executive secretary, said that McCloy told them that the army has a policy of non-discrimination in the use of farm post facilities. He was represented as admitting that such a policy, however, is not "self-executing" and that when complaints are received, the poicy is checked upon and enforced where justified.

CLOSE LIAISON 5-18-44

McCloy assured them that the army post commanders have close liaison with local authorities, and that generally the army tries to protect its personnel by insisting upon assuming jurisdiction over them.

The group told the assistant secretary that there is now a supply of about 700 Negro graduate nurses which could be tapped for army service, but that this reservoir of aides has not been used. They proposed that the number of army hospitals now using Negro nurses ought to be increased. McCloy indicated to them that the matter would be explored through the office of the surgeon general.

They were told that the problem of transportation is of "concern" to the department and that they are endeavoring to provide more facilities for Negroes. 5-13-44

Regarding the treatment of Negroes in England, McCloy admitted that the situation had been "pretty bad" earlier, as Ross explained it, but that there has since been improvement. Concentrations of Negro troops in England is being broken up, Ross said they were told.

"We feel that this conference was highly successful," Ross declared. The navy refused to discuss the problems of accepting Negro women or of increasing the number of commissioned officers. The AYD intends to press for a conference later.

AYD. Interracial Festival Friday

Daily Worker, New York, N.Y.

An Interracial Festival, sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy, will be held this Friday at 8 p.m. at the 13th St. Playhouse, 52 E. 13 St., Manhattan.

Among those participating are: Rachel Dubois, Columbia University Intercultural Workshop; Irma Marash, Bahai Movement World Unity; Olivia Spokes, Harlem Youth Group; Josh White, folk singer; Will Madden, actor and Josephine Goldsmith, poet. 7-20-44

Officers Are Elected For City Colored Youth Center

Columbus, Ga. Ledger-Sun

Plans for a proposed Columbus colored Youth Center were enthusiastically discussed on Friday afternoon at the Spencer High school.

Twenty-two student representatives from the Spencer High school and five student representatives from the Radcliffe Junior high school joined in the discussion of the center, after which the following officers were elected:

Thomas Adams, chairman; Gladys Sims, vice chairman; Robbie Griffin, secretary; Bertha Symington, assistant secretary; Henry Seldon, treasurer; Florene Parker, reporter; Leonard Sims, business manager; Evelyn Tarver, chairman constitution and by-laws committee.

Members of the Youth Council are: Clyde Smith, Otis Rouse, Robert Carruthers, Johnnie Martin, Helen Williams, Unesteen Scott, Nellie Denson, Alma Hutf, Amberlena Morris, Gloria Carruthers, Annie Leonard, Evelyn Tarver, Betty Jean Elmo, Mae Will Breakfield, Jessie Sparks, Joseph Reubin, Cornelia Phillips and James Young.

The following are members of the advisory committee: faculty representatives, F. R. Lamkin, B. F. Mosley, G. F. Rivers, J. L. Morrison, M. L. Walker and F. Q. Johnson.

Citizens representatives are E. E. Farley and W. M. Thomas.

COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NEGRO YOUTH PROBLEMS

Savannah Ga. News

Professor B. F. Hubert Is Arranging Meeting

Following the meeting of the committee of adolescent youth in Savannah, recently appointed by Robert W. Groves, chairman of the O. C. D., to be held at the Y. W. C. A., Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a similar meeting will be held Tuesday for all colored youth organizations, it was announced by the Rev. Robert Brennan, O. S. B., chairman of the committee.

The colored gathering is being arranged by Professor B. F. Hubert of the Georgia State College. The meeting will be held at 4 o'clock at a place to be announced by Professor Hubert. February 5, 1944

The object of these meetings is to give young people, adolescent boys and girls, an opportunity of freely expressing opinions on the question of juvenile delinquency. The discussion will be conducted by youths and all phases of the juvenile problem may be considered.

Representatives of all youth organizations, both in the city and in the county, are invited to participate in a free discussion of the juvenile problem.

Youth Want A Better Order

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga. 4-27-44

The proposal to end Negro segregation in the "organizational structure" of the Methodist Church by National Conference of Methodist Youth, will be particularly embarrassing to those who proclaim in their preaching the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, only to repudiate these very principles and precepts in relation to the Negro. Wearied of this strange inconsistency of their elders, the Methodist youth recognize in the Central Jurisdiction a complete negation of the lofty ideals of Christianity as they know it, and a threat to the new world order in which men shall be brothers. The realism evidenced in the Methodist Youth is part and parcel of the thought-life of all youth today. Youth wants a better world for tomorrow. They do not want to go on talking in the vague generalities of their elders about the world of tomorrow and making plans for tomorrow after the fashion of the world today. They regard the right to live as free men in a free world the happy lot of all of God's children. And the place to begin such an order is in the church. 4-27-44

The pronouncement by the Methodist Youth serves to raise a sharply pointed question by the militant editor of Zion's Herald some months ago. "Here we are tongue-tied," said the Herald. "We can make speeches on brotherhood; we can pass ringing resolutions on equality. But always there is the Central Jurisdiction, shameful symbol of segregation. Something is wrong. Our sin against the Negro lies as a log across path of Methodist progress. We shall never prosper until the obstacle is removed," ended the editor. The proposal by the Methodist Youth was timed so as to be presented to the Quadrennial of the Church, now meeting at Kansas City. It is to be hoped htat the Methodists will concur in what the youth believe and advocate. It is the only hope to permanent faith in the abiding principles of good in the Christian Church. For in this global war, no other institution is being so seriously questioned and challenged as is the church.

Plaudits For This Youth Program

Amsterdam News - New York, N.Y.

Two weeks ago when the Third Separate Battalion staged its first anniversary drill, approximately 400 boys ranging between the ages of 12 and 16, also shared in the evening's festivities. As a matter of fact, the brief exhibition performed by the boys really brought the plaudits from the 700 or more Brooklynites who had filled every nook and corner of the armory. 1-22-44

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Major Myles A. Paige and Lieut. Bernard F. Freeman who formulated this youthful contingent. It was through their untiring efforts and patience that the boys have been receiving topnotch training. Numerous other activities have also highlighted this sterling program.

Lieut. Freeman is the director of the boys and one of his chief reasons for arranging the program was to present something of interest to keep the youths off the streets. This he has done with remarkable success. 1-22-44

All Brooklyn is mighty proud of this act on the part of the Third Separate Battalion and we feel that if the battalion had a larger armory, an even greater job could be accomplished. It is with high hopes that we anticipate that state officials will really look into the prevailing conditions and secure larger quarters so that this program and many others can be put into effect.

Youth Group Projects Harlem Youth Center

People's Voice - New York, N.Y. 1-22-44

A most exciting event in the lives of young people in Harlem will be the opening on January 21, at 8 p.m. of a Harlem Youth Center at 2236 Eighth Avenue, between 8th and St. Nicholas Aves. The Harlem Youth Center Club of American Youth for Democracy has been working for the last four months to set up a community youth center to which young people of all races, creeds and political beliefs could come for cultural, educational, social and recreational activities. Through the collection of membership dues, a few contributions and the holding of a dance, the young people were financially able to launch this project, which they feel sure will meet general community support.

A small machine shop, composed of a few small drill press and bench lathes which were donated, will be opened up at the center, and volunteer teachers have already been secured. Well-known musicians and dramatic artists are being contacted to give free instruction to classes in these fields. Ping pong, shuffle board and badminton are some of the sports that will be played. The Center is large enough for small parties to be held there by club members and by neighborhood youth groups.

Such leading entertainers as Teddy Wilson, a sponsor of American Youth for Democracy; Pearl Primus; Josh White, and others, have been invited to appear at the opening, and prominent community leaders have been invited to be guests.

Canteens Open For The Teen Age

Journal + Guide Norfolk, Va. 1-22-44 1-29-44

By DEWILDA BUSH

COLUMBUS, Ohio—(ANP)—In November juvenile delinquency here had reached an alarming new peak. To combat this almost doubled problem, the Friendly Service Bureau, Negro founded and controlled, but sponsored by the Columbus police department, established an innovation for the prevention of crime among youth, a Teen Age canteen.

On Monday, Jan. 10, the third canteen or liquorless night club was opened at the Leonard avenue Neighborhood house. The remaining two are located at Pointer Village auditorium and the Spring Street YMCA.

Perhaps the first of its kind for Negroes in the nation and certainly the first of its kind in Ohio, the canteen is the brainchild of Police Sgt. Leslie M. Shaw and Policewoman Ruth C. Irven, also founders of the Friendly Service bureau. It is receiving the approval and aid of social workers, both white and Negro.

Originated for the express purpose of guiding youth in the right direction through wholesome recreation, these canteens feature a dry bar where soft drinks are served by teen age hostesses. A floor show, entirely under the direction of young people, is always presented with a well known local orchestra furnishing the music. Some of the youthful singers and dancers would give professionals keen competition. After the floor show, dancing is the chief diversion. These three canteens meet on different nights of the week from 8 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. in observance of curfew rules. 1-29-44

The canteens have a weekly attendance of 400 to 500 young people and it is expected that they will continue throughout the duration.

Negro Youth Body Makes Changes

Press-Newport News, Va. 1-24-44

Virginia Peninsula Negro Youth council has just completed a series of changes, following the arrival of Lucian M. Richmond, executive director, and several meetings were held.

Among changes is one providing along vocational and home economics lines. The young women's auxiliary has been added to the constitution of a new Negro youth council.

Among the staff supervisors are Miss Ione Gladden, Louis B. USO; Mrs. Harriet Hill, librarian; Ivy, Miss Harris, Charles Pratt Jr., and Rid- George P. Phenix school, Hampton, dick Pree. and S. A. Haynes, managing editor, Newport News bureau, Norfolk Journal and Guide

Among changes to be adopted to the Negro youth auxiliary has been added to the rector and summer schools living in Newport News, Hampton, council. of Hampton Institute;

Phoebus and the entire vicinity. Promotions confirmed include Bernard C. officials said. A new board of public Coley Seabron, Miss Pearl B. Live- of Hampton institute; Palmer, assistant extension director Creswell, director of the

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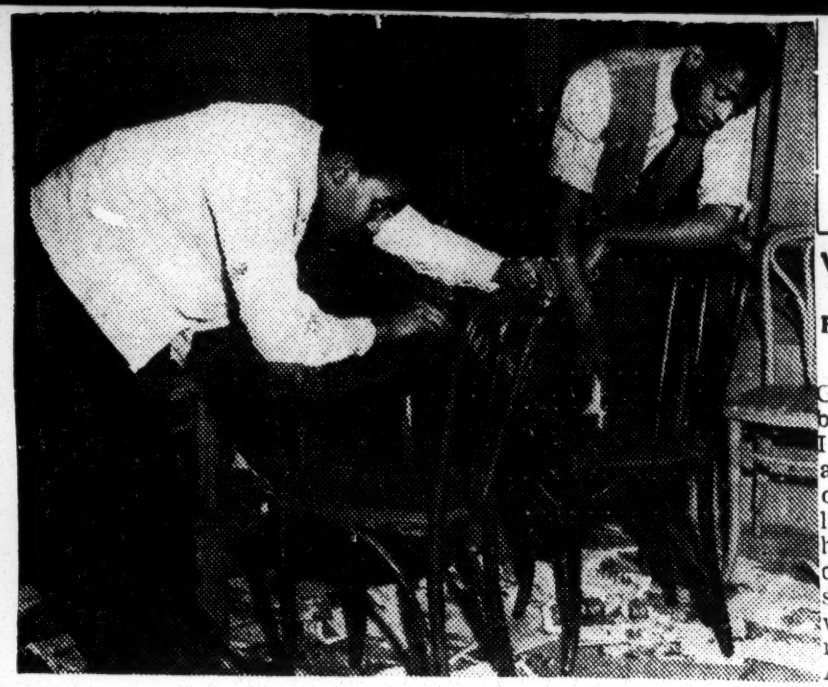

OPEN TO ALL RACES, CREEDS AND COLORS, the new youth center at 2005 Amsterdam ave. sponsored by the Washington Heights Youth Association under the direction of the American Theatre Wing was decorated and furnished by the young people. In the above photos, one of the girls, Dorothy Gilliard, is shown measuring off a drape for one of the windows, while two of the boy members of the center apply paint and varnish to chairs.

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New Heights Youth Center Open to All Races, Creeds

People's Voice - New York, N.Y.
1-29-44

A Youth Center with club rooms and a gym has been set up at 2005 Amsterdam av by the Washington Heights Youth Association under the sponsorhip of the American Theatre Wing. The club members themselves painted and fixed up the Center. It is open to all the youth of the community regardless of race, creed or color. Activities are social, cultural and athletic.

The group launched its 1944 program with a basketball game and dance, Monday evening, January 24, in the club gym with the 31st Battalion of the Brooklyn State Guard as the visiting team. Proceeds were donated to Army-Navy relief.

Purpose of the club is to interest the youth of the community in war activities and to cooperate with interested organizations in worthwhile projects.

The clubrooms are open to visitors.

Extention Helps Negro Farmer Produce Food

Raising the living standards of rural Negro Americans so that they can make a larger contribution to the nation's wartime agricultural program was one of the main objectives of Cooperative Agricultural Extension work among colored farmers last year, according to Director M. L. Wilson's annual report to War Food Administrator Marvin Jones which has just been published.

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Pointing out that $1,095,650 was allocated in the fiscal year of 1943 from all sources for cooperative extension work among Negro farmers, the director said that the expenditure was a sound investment. Going further, he said that the number of sharecroppers, tenants and landowners who are adopting the Extension self-help program is increasing and landlord-tenant relationships are improving.

What Price Protection for Young "Teen Age" Girls?

By DR. FLEMMIE P. KITTRELL

A little pamphlet—What About Girls?—has just been published by the Public Affairs Committee. It is written in simple language and points out very clearly just what is happening to our men in service in the way of venereal disease. A very large percentage of these men who contract syphilis do so from young girls — "Victory Girls," the teen age group. These young girls with great future possibilities are our great concern for the moment.

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The difficult group of girls, in this connection, comes from the upper grades and from the high schools. Our figures show that these are the people who are responsible for more than fifty per cent of the infection. Health and police officers are doing what they can to put an end to venereal infections. They are making a special campaign just now to do a good job speedily.

HOW ABOUT CHARACTER GROWTH?

That is all very helpful and good, but the sad point that we are missing here is this: What are we doing to help the girls to have constructive activities that will make for character growth? What kind of an educational program is being provided for these young people? When we say educational, we mean of course, all of the activities of people, both in and out of school, the church and community in general.

We find so often in the home young people without the guidance of their parents. Work of some kind or another keeps many of the adults away from home. In so-called "normal times" the adolescent needs special care and guidance to help one over difficulty and confusion. It is more needed now than then. We are just beginning to include the young teen age girls in our service programs.

JUNIOR SERVICE CLUBS

Several high schools in both large and small communities have organized junior service clubs. These young girls sign up for various activities according to their interests and the general needs of the specific community. Sewing and looking after young children, helping with food exhibits, preparing and participating in programs for service men, attending dances and parties at the U. S. O., attending Sunday school classes and helping with classes for younger children, are all a part of the various programs.

Some of these groups have worked out a yard stick or so called rules for good social conduct for their members. They feel proud of their accomplishments and the things they still plan to do for home and community betterment. Their leaders are able to help them to see how this type of program ties in with national defense of homes and, above all, people. These young people begin to see that they have a definite responsibility in helping to keep their community morally clean and healthy.

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They understand that they have a very high responsibility toward service men in seeing that there is good clean fun and recreation at the USO or in attending movies, etc. They understand too, that the future will rest on their shoulders and to that they have a great responsibility.

GUIDANCE NEEDED

This type of [illegible] positive approach will, if it is carried far enough, do much of the shame we face today in the behavior of our young teen age girls. These young people need leadership and guidance for such a time as this. Who is willing to pay the price to give them the kind of help they so sorely need?

Says Home Is Focal Point In Child Problem

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Dr. Flemmie B.

Kittrell Speaks On "Teen-Age Group"

NORFOLK—That the home is the focal point in the problem of juvenile delinquency was the idea stressed by Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell, dean of women of Hampton Institute, speaking from the subject: "The 'Teen Age Problem" before an audience of community leaders at the All Citizens Conference Hour of Norfolk Polytechnic College Sunday afternoon.

DUTY OF PARENTS

Dr. Kittrell, following a similar line of thought as expressed by the speaker on the preceding Sunday, Commonwealth's Attorney A. O. Lynch of Norfolk County, reemphasized the great responsibility and inescapable duties of parents in the guiding of children to useful and worthwhile adulthood.

"To grow up to be a fit and happy member of society is a complex process," said Dean Kittrell, "and the factors which play the most important part in the process are the home, community (including the church) and the school."

Enumerating approved methods of dealing with the 'teen age problem, she declared "we must get down to real hard work with our young people."

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SPEAKS IN NORFOLK — Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell, dean of women, Hampton Institute, and Journal and Guide columnist, speaking from the subject, "The 'Teen-age Problem" at the A Citizens Conference hour Norfolk Polytechnic College Sunday afternoon, asserted the the home is the focal point juvenile delinquency.

PARENT-TEACHER

The speaker asserted that parent teacher associations rate a more important place in community life than are generally accorded them, and observed that they, in the majority of instances, do not function up to their larger possibilities.

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merely making material purchases for the school rooms. their duty, she said, is in cooperation with the teachers, to follow through in observation the development of the child.

No speaker meeting Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30. which has been reserved as organization day. Upon this occasion a permanent organization of the conference hour will be effected. However, to bring this large attendance is essential.

The program begins at 4:30 and closes on

Preceding the Hampton dean on the program was Herbert Marshall, member of the faculty of Norfolk Polytechnic College, who promptly at gave an interesting recital on war

Through these associations, Dr. Kittrell said, parents have a greater responsibility than

Unique Idea Of Civic Worker Has Become A Reality With Opening Of A Club For Teen-Age Youngsters

Amsterdam News — New York, N.Y.

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There is rejoicing among the young folk of Corona. For the first time in their memories they have a place all their own, where they can do the things they wish, meet after school for a "date", hold their dances, read, or listen to some of the boogie woogie music their more musical members manufacture. They're having a wonderful time, and have been since their "Teen-Age Club" opened at the beginning of last week.

Two months ago the club was only a dream. At that time, Mrs. Daisy C. Reed, who has been a volunteer child care worker for the past twenty years in Corona began to work on an idea. As chairman of the North Corona Unit of the American Women's Voluntary Service's Mrs. Reed recognized the fact that there was little or no chance for young people there to find a place to meet and have fun together. The idea for a "glamorized" club for teen-agers was hers, and grew out of her talks with twenty mothers in the area, who told her the things their children talked about and would like in the way of recreation. The children had their say too, when forty of them talked with Mrs. Reed and said they'd like to have a place to meet, dance, sing together. A place where they could see their friends and play games.

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Real Support

With her facts collected, Mrs. Reed took her idea for the teen age club to the Child Service League of Queens and to Mrs. Eliza L. Willets, Queens chairman of the AWVS. The League was enthusiastic about the new idea, and the child care committee of the Great New York AWVS was glad to aid in the project. With the backing of these organizations, and through the personal contributions of people in the community, the idea became a reality.

In the heart of Corona, the Teen-Age Club is now in full swing and crowded with approving young folk. It is their club, and each has his membership card, attesting to the fact that he has paid his yearly fee of $1.

At the entrance, a small room, with easy chairs and an array of books for young people serves as the reading room. After a strenuous game of pool (they have a table there), or a session on the dance floor, the reading room seems more inviting than ever.

Often, after school hours, the tom tom is taken out, and a torrid background is made for the piano playing of one of the clubs favorite members, Walter Gaylord. Last Thursday afternoon while a rapt group listened to the piano, a youngster in anklets leaned intensely over the pool table, watching the boys strike professional poses with their cues. A rapid game of ping pong went on in another corner, and a checker board held the attention of two fourteen-year-olds.

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Mrs. Reed

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For Hungry Youngsters

The largest room in the club has a snack bar where sandwiches and soda pop can be bought at "pre-war" prices. Colorful red topped tables with leather upholstered chairs line one side of the room. The dance floor, "just like in a night club", as one youngster described it, takes up the rest of the room. With a nickle, that whole section of the room is lighted by the multi-colors of the "juke box" as it starts to play.

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Working from 4 in the afternoon until 10 each night, Mrs. Reed watches over the club members. With a male worker, she constitutes the full-time staff of the club. Here each day she quietly overlooks the activities of the members, who range in age from 12 to 17. At one minute she stands behind the snack bar, filling a glass with "orange drink" for a thirsty young man who has a five cent piece clutched tightly in his fist; with him contentdly drinking she goes to one of the tables and helps a high school student fill out an application for membership. Even with the help of volunteer workers, who are members of the AWVS, her day is filled with trips from one room to the other, supervising the children's play and seeing that things run smoothly.

Future Plans

Plans for future activities of the club have grown by leaps and bounds. The boys are waiting for the first really warm days so they can start construction of a brick fireplace in the yard to be used for pledged time to conduct classes in weiner roasts. Local teachers have algebra and Spanish. Already negotiations are underway to take over to well equipped tennis courts which are not in use. A local group of boys want to use the club a place where their band can practice.

The work that Mrs. Reed is doing in her newest community project is backed by a long list of other worthwhile activities. She directed Utopia's Children's House and was also president of Hope Day Nursery, and was the organizer of the Corona Playcenter Tennis Club. She is the wife of Dr. Albert S. Reed, a member of the local school board.

"Teen-Age" Club Opens in Corona

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New York, N.Y.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Daisy C. Reed, the Corona "Teen-Age" Club opened its doors early this month. The club is housed in a remodeled store at 105-13 Northern Blvd., and is unique in that it is patterned after a night club.

The idea of a glamorized club was taken to Child Service League in Queens and to Eliza L. Willets, Queens chairman of the AWVS. Mrs. Smith Alford, secretary of the league, was enthusiastic when approached by Mrs. Reed.

With the support of these agencies and the Child-Care Committee of Greater New York, in addition to private contributions, plans were completed for the establishment of the club.

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The club boasts a bar where cocolas, orange soda and sandwiches are sold. A roped-off dance floor with a juke box satisfies the yen for dancing. There is also a lounge library. Outdoor activities will be planned for the Summer under the supervision of professional leaders.

Feel Social Reform Inevitable

Catholic Youth For Interracial Justice

Courier — Pittsburgh, Pa.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(ANP)—After sharp debate, the largest recorded assemblage of Catholic high school and college students ever to discuss the Negro question, Sunday solidly voted in favor of interracial justice. The famous Kleinhans Music hall was the scene of great excitement as the youthful Sodalists of Western New York gathered in their annual convention for an open discussion of the interracial question.

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Three thousand students, representing 25 Catholic high schools and 12 Catholic colleges of the Western New York area, jammed the Music hall to hear distinguished colored and white speakers and to take part in free discussion on the subject of the Negro. After brief introductory remarks by Joseph E. Glynn of Canisius college, Buffalo, president of the WNYSSC, the delegates were welcomed in an address by the Rev. Vincent P. McCorry, S. J., of Canisius college, moderator of the conference.

Father McCorry pointed out the inevitability of social reform with regard to the Negro and reminded the Sodalists of their obligation as Catholics to deal fairly with this question.

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WASHBURN URGES YOUTH TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

World — Memphis, Tenn.
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With a plea that local Negro youth "Go back to school this fall," Prof. E. L. Washburn, president of the Memphis Youth Service Council, took occasion to pen a note emphasizing the objectives of the Council and to repeat his plea to local youth about youth school attendance.

Professor Washburn's statement relative to the situation follows:

Leading educators throughout the country are concerned with the question, Is America's Youth in danger of muffing the ball as future citizens of America and the World? As they view the horrible trend of high school pupils laying aside their education and taking full time jobs.

Many youngsters in their teens who have taken war jobs, don't want to give them up to complete their high school education.

Statistics will give these startling facts: the average grade school man starts work at 14. By the time he is 60, he has made a total of $4500.
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The high school graduate man starts work at the age of 18. When he is 60, he has made a total of $78,000.

The college graduate who starts work at the age of 22, has made at the age of 60 a total of $150,000.

Dr. Diehl and other members of the council point out that education is equally important to girls, not only in preparation for a business career, but for the greatest career of all, marriage.

There were 1,000,000 fewer students enrolled in 1943 than in 1940. There were in Memphis alone 680 fewer students in 1943 than in 1940. These facts are really alarming. Every mother, father, teacher, minister and friend is asked to stress the "Go to school movement" and help to see to it that all of our boys and girls are back in school, and thus make them better bread winners and better law abiding citizens.

The Memphis Youth Service Council is one of the finest organizations of its kind in this country. The big objective of this organization is character building and assisting those organizations that are already functioning. It covers the following fields, education, the church, recreation, the home and community. The leaders and workers of our organization are as follows:
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Prof. E. L. Washourn, President Youth Service Council; Dr. J. E. Walker, Vice President; President Hollis F. Price, Secretary; Prof. Jimmie King, Assistant Secretary; Miss Matilda Saxon, Treasurer and Sponsor YWCA.

Prof. B. T. Hunt, Chairman of Education Committee ;Profs. Lucky Sharpe, member of Education Committee; Prof. R. J. Rody; Joseph W. Falls; J. L. Buckner; J. A. Hayes; Harry Cash; Miss Elizabeth Wallace; Profs. W. E. Scott and R. P. Bailey and all principals of city schools.

Prof. Nat. Williams, Chairman Publicity Committee; Mr. Robert Lewis, Jr., member; Mr. A. D. Shields; Mrs. Floyd Campbell; Miss L. Williams; Prof. J. L. Buckner; Prof. Lucky Sharpe.

Prof. A. B. Bland, Chairman Recreation Committee; Miss Baulah Mackey, Co-Chairman Recreation Committee; Mrs. Ruth Beauchaump, member Recreation Committee; Mr. J. Westbrook; Mr. Hailton Smith; Mr. Ted Beauchaump; Coach Boone; Mr. Thomas.
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Mrs. Hasalee Greene, Chairman Home Committee; Mrs. Vallie Doyle, member of Home Comittee; Mrs. J. H. Roland.

Special Committee on Parks; Mr. R. H. Weathers Chairman, Mr. A. L. Cotton, member of Special Committee on Parks, Mr. C. B. Johnson; Mr. Emmett Jones; Mr. Mitchell Douglas; Mr. M. W. Bonner.

Mr. C. R. Lawrence, Sponsor YMCA.

Mr. J. A. Beauchamp, Sponsor Girls Scouts.

Rev. J. L. Campbell, Chairman of Church Committee; Rev. C. M. Davis, Co-Chairman; Rev. Roy Love, Co-Chairman.
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Rev. W. J. Powell, member of Church Committee; Dr. U. S. Walton; Rev. McEwen Williams; Rev. W. E. Mack.

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Southern Youth Group Asks End of Army Bias

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The War Department was urged to end policies leading to segregation of and discrimination against colored troops by representatives of the Southern Negro Youth Congress who conferred with department officials at the Pentagon Building on Thursday.

War Department officials attending the conference included Col. J. S. Leonard, secretary to the advisory committee on Special Troop Policy, and Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to the Secretary of War.

Purposes Stated

In a position presented by Louis E. Burnham, organizational secretary, and Miss Alestine Robertson, community activities director, the War Department was asked to alter its policies to better troop morale, relations with our Allies, maintenance of the American tradition of equality and observance of Christian ethics.

Although approving the army's promotion of colored personnel